

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received the Office Action dated December 21, 2007, in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 1 and 7-18 as allegedly indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and 2) objected to claim 4 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner deemed all claims 1, 4 and 7-18 otherwise allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 7-18. Based upon the amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicants believe this case is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected as allegedly indefinite independent claims 1 and 7 due to a missing colon in line 6 of both claims, rejected claim 7 due to an inadvertent misspelling of the term "DNS" as "DNC," and rejected claims 8-18 due to a reference to "the system of claim 7" instead of "the method of claim 7. Without conceding the merits of the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to expedite prosecution of the subject application.

Applicants have further amended independent claim 1 to refer to "selected from the group consisting of DNS ACLs entities" instead of "selected from the group comprising DNS ACLs entities," in order to correct a prior inadvertent typographical error and thus ensure that claim 1 conforms to proper Markush claim form. Applicants respectfully note that claim 1 as now amended is consistent with the original language of now cancelled claim 3, the limitations of which were incorporated into claim 1 as part of a prior amendment by Applicants. Applicants have also amended dependent claim 15 to delete an erroneous semicolon in between the end of the claim and the period ending the claim. Applicants respectfully submit that none of these amendments alter the intended scope of the claims or add new matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 4 and 7-18 are all in condition for allowance, and thus respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in

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documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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